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Hidden Wildland Fire Burns on Arizona Strip

St. George—A Color Country Interagency Fire Type III team is currently managing the “Hidden Fire” burning on the Arizona Strip approximately 25 miles southeast of Mesquite, Nevada. As of 11 a.m. Sunday morning, the lightning-caused fire was 14, 614 acres in size. The fire, burning on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Arizona State Lands, began Saturday July 9, 2011. No structures are currently threatened in this remote location; the closest infrastructure currently is the BLM Pakoon Fire Station located approximately one mile southeast of the fire. Helicopters are currently using the Pakoon Fire Station’s water tanks as a dip site to help manage the fire.

The “Hidden Fire” is burning primarily in cheatgrass and within a region that was previously burned by wildfire during the 2005 “Cow Fire,” which had then burned approximately 30,000 acres. The Type III team managing the fire includes a variety of interagency resources with seven engines, two hand crews, four seats, and two helicopters.

While rains traveled through the region Sunday morning, fire managers say the precipitation wasn’t enough to affect the fire. “The topography of this fire is steep and rugged which limits the use of engines to existing road systems,” said Arizona Strip District Fire Management Officer Mark Rosenthal. “We are working to contain the fire within the footprint of the previously burned area of the Cow Fire,” Rosenthal said.

For More Information: *For more information on fire activity in southwestern Utah, the public can call the Color Country Fire Information Hotline at 1-866-447-1283. For more information on wildland fires burning in Arizona go to: <http://wildlandfire.az.gov/>. For more information on fires in Utah visit www.utahfireinfo.gov. For more information on fires across the country, visit www.inciweb.org.*